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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPLEMENTING A LOW DENSITY PARITY CHECK CODE IN A WIRELESS SYSTEM

## IN THE CLAIMS

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Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A wireless apparatus comprising:

a forward error correction (FEC) coder to encode digital data using a low density parity check (LDPC) code, said FEC coder including:

a computer readable storage medium storing at least a first portion of a parity check matrix, wherein said parity check matrix is substantially as described in Appendix A and said first portion includes at least half of said parity check matrix;

a matrix multiplication unit to multiply input data by a transpose of <u>said</u>[[a]] first portion of <u>said</u>[[a]] parity check matrix to generate modified data;

a differential encoder to differentially encode said modified data to generate coded data; and

a concatenation unit to concatenate the input data and the coded data to form a code word; and

a wireless transmitter to transmit a wireless signal that includes said code word.

- (Original) The wireless apparatus of claim 1, wherein:
   said wireless signal is an orthogonal frequency division multiplexing (OFDM) signal.
- 3. (Original) The wireless apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

a mapper, between said FEC coder and said wireless transmitter, to map said code word based on a predetermined modulation scheme; and

an inverse discrete Fourier transform unit to convert mapped data from a frequency domain representation to a time domain representation.

4. (Currently Amended) The wireless apparatus of claim 1, wherein:

said first portion of said parity check matrix is a portion that includes columns of said parity check matrix having a column weight of 4said parity check matrix is substantially as described in the list file of Appendix A.

- 5. (Canceled)
- 6. (Currently Amended) The wireless apparatus of claim 1, whereinfurther comprising:

  a storage medium to store a representation of at least said first portion of said parity check matrix includes said entire parity check matrixfor use by said matrix multiplication unit.
- 7. (Currently Amended) The wireless apparatus of claim 1[[6]], wherein: said storage medium stores said first portion of said parity check matrix as a matrix transpose operative to store a representation of the entire parity check matrix.
- 8.-9. (Canceled)
- 10. (Currently Amended) The wireless apparatus of claim 1, wherein: said LDPC code is a (2000, 1600) <u>LDPCbit-length</u> code.
- 11. (Original) The wireless apparatus of claim 1, wherein: said wireless apparatus is a wireless user device for use in a wireless network.
- 12. (Original) The wireless apparatus of claim 1, wherein: said wireless apparatus is a wireless access point.
- 13. (Original) The wireless apparatus of claim 1, wherein: said wireless apparatus is a wireless network interface module.
- 14. (Original) The wireless apparatus of claim 1, wherein: said wireless apparatus is an integrated circuit.
- 15. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:accessing a computer readable storage medium storing a representation of at least a first

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portion of a parity check matrix, wherein said parity check matrix is substantially as described in Appendix A and said first portion includes at least half of said parity check matrix;

matrix multiplying input data by a transpose of said[[a]] first portion of said[[a]] parity check matrix;

processing a result of said matrix multiplication using differential encoding to generate coded data:

concatenating said input data and said coded data to form a code word; and generating and transmitting a wireless signal that includes said code word.

- 16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein: said wireless signal is an orthogonal frequency division multiplexing (OFDM) signal.
- 17. (Canceled)
- 18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, wherein: said first portion of said parity check matrix is a portion that includes columns of said parity check matrix having a column weight of 4said parity check matrix is substantially as described in the list file of Appendix A.
- 19. (Canceled)
- 20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, wherein: said parity check matrix defines a (2000, 1600) bit-length-LDPC code.
- (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein: 21.

generating and transmitting a wireless signal includes mapping said code word into modulation symbols and processing said modulation symbols using an inverse discrete Fourier transform.

22.-29. (Canceled)

30. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a forward error correction (FEC) coder to encode digital data using a low density parity check (LDPC) code, said FEC coder including:

a computer readable storage medium storing at least a first portion of a parity check matrix, wherein said parity check matrix is substantially as described in Appendix A and said first portion includes at least half of said parity check matrix;

a matrix multiplication unit to multiply input data by a transpose of <u>said[[a]]</u> first portion of said[[a]] parity check matrix to generate modified data;

a differential encoder to differentially encode said modified data to generate coded data; and

a concatenation unit to concatenate the input data and the coded data to form a code word;

a wireless transmitter to transmit a wireless signal that includes said code word; and at least one dipole antenna coupled to said wireless transmitter to facilitate transmission of said wireless signal.

- 31. (Original) The system of claim 30, wherein: said wireless signal is an orthogonal frequency division multiplexing (OFDM) signal.
- 32. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 30, whereinfurther comprising:

  said first portion of said parity check matrix is a portion that includes columns of said

  parity check matrix having a column weight of 4a storage medium to store a representation of at

  least said first portion of said parity check matrix for use by said matrix multiplication unit.
- 33. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 30, wherein:

  said storage medium stores said first portion of said parity check matrix as a matrix

  transposesaid parity check matrix is substantially as described in the list file of Appendix A.
- 34. (Currently Amended) An article comprising a computer readable storage medium having

instructions stored thereon that, when executed by a computing platform, operate to:

matrix multiply input data by a transpose of a first portion of a parity check matrix, wherein said parity check matrix is substantially as described in Appendix A and said first portion includes at least half of said parity check matrix;

process a result of said matrix multiplication using differential encoding to generate coded data;

concatenate said input data and said coded data to form a code word; and generate and transmit a wireless signal that includes said code word.

- 35. (Original) The article of claim 34, wherein: said wireless signal is an orthogonal frequency division multiplexing (OFDM) signal.
- 36. (Original) The article of claim 34, wherein said instructions, when executed by the computing platform, further operate to:

access a storage medium having at least a portion of said parity check matrix stored thereon before matrix multiplying.

37. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 34, wherein: said first portion of said parity check matrix is a portion that includes columns of said parity check matrix having a column weight of 4said parity check matrix is substantially as described in the list file of Appendix A.

38. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 34, wherein: said parity check matrix defines a (2000, 1600) bit-length-LDPC code.